(c) whether Government are considering to declare some more highways as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) There are 18 National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh having total length of 4734 Kms.

(b) Quantum of amount released and utilized for maintenance of National Highways during the last three years is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Amount released	Amount utilized
2002-03	48.03	38.85
2001-02	60.84	51.56
2000-01	86.36	92.67

(c) No, Sir.

Traffic jam due to Kanwariyas

†3692. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that normal traffic gets jammed on the Delhi-Meerut-Haridwar-Rishikesh highways during a number of months because of the Kanwariyas movement thereon;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct some parallel road for their movement;

(c) if so, by when the construction work is likely to started; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to solve the problem arising out of their movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Traffic gets affected on this route during the period when movement of Kanwariyas takes place.

(b) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Ministry is responsible for National Highways. Kanwariyas comprise of pedestrian traffic. It is the responsibility of the State Government to provide adequate facilities for such traffic.

Two wheeler accidents

3693. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two wheelers accidents are increasing alarmingly in the country due to riding of more than two persons, particularly carrying children on two wheelers;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent such incidents; and

(c) the details of the persons died/injured as a result thereof in Karnataka during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The Ministry does not compile data regarding accidents of two wheelers separately. The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 forbids more than two persons, including driver to ride a two wheeler. The enforcement of the provisions is done by the State Governments.

(c) No such details are maintained by this Ministry.

Additional assistance for maintenance of NHs in Rajasthan

†3694. SHRI PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated any additional assistance for construction and maintenance of National Highways in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the items of work, to be taken up in respect of National Highways in the State has been finalised?

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